

REGULATION of the Civil Government of the Territory of Michigan.

WHEREAS the Territory of Michigan, was on the sixteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred twelve, Ceded by *Capitulation* to the arms of His BRITANNIC MAJESTY, & the American flag was removed and the British flag substituted on the same day at noon ; And whereas on the same day a *Proclamation* was issued by ISAAC BROCK Esqr. Major General Commanding His MAJESTY forces in the Province of UPPER CANADA. &c. &c. &c. And the said *Proclamation*, among other things announces to all the Inhabitants of the said Territory that "wishing to give an early proof of the moderation and justice of the British Government, the American laws heretofore in existence shall continue in force, until His MAJESTY's pleasure be known, or, so long as the peace & safety of the said Territory will admit thereof", And whereas the said laws cannot be carried into execution according to the effect & intention so announced to the Inhabitants without providing for the existence & continuance of the proper civil Officers ; for the execution of the same, & without the necessary courts & other judicial authorities for the administration of justice among the said Inhabitants.

Now therefore, be it known, that I, the undersigned, HENRY PROCTER, Colonel in the Military forces of His BRITANNIC MAJESTY, now Commanding in the Territory of Michigan, do make & establish, for the time being, the following Regulations for the civil administration of the said Territory.

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The civil Officers, remaining in the country, shall continue to exercise the respective functions appertaining to their offices, without any new commissions for the same, & those offices which are suspended by the departure from the country of those holding them, shall be supplied as herein after provided.

II.

The civil executive powers shall be exercised by a civil Governor. The Civil Governor shall appoint to all civil offices, which are or shall be vacant, & shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

III.

Courts of Justice shall be held as usual.

IV.

Legislative provisions need not be adopted from the laws of any of the American States: A majority shall not be necessary when any of the offices are vacant. The Secretary shall make two copies of all executive proceedings, & legislative Regulations, one of which shall be transmitted for the use of the British Government, & the other shall be retained.

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The expences of the civil administration shall be defrayed quarterly, by the proper Officer in the military department paying the lawfull amount thereof to the civil treasurer. The duties, customs, & revenues accruing according to the laws of the United States, shall be paid quarterly, by the collectors to the proper Officer in the Military department. The internal duties & revenues accruing to the Territory of Michigan, shall be paid to the proper treasurers thereof.

VI.

The undersigned will act as civil Governor of the Territory of Michigan for the time being. AUGUSTUS B. WOODWARD Chief Justice of the said Territory is appointed Secretary. The offices of register, & receiver of the Land-Office, & Postmaster, are superceded, reserving a full right to adjust all anterior concerns. All offices in the Indian department are superceded.

*Given under my hand at Detroit the twenty first day of
August, one thousand eight hundred twelve, & in the
fifty second year of His MAJESTY'S reign.*

(SIGNED) HENRY PROCTER,
COLONEL.